GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4048
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HIKING OF RATES BY CABLE OPERATOR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether some TV Channels have raised rates for their signals to the Cable Operators;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the hike has been effected in consultation with the Government; and

(d) if so, the impact of the said hike on the subscribers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ)

(a) to (d): There are no provisions in the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 or the Rules framed thereunder to regulate the subscription charges levied by the Pay Channels or Cable Operators or thecharges payable by the Cable Operators to the TV Channel Companies. These are governed by commercial arrangements between the Broadcasting Companies, Cable Operators and the subscribers, and the Government does not regulate them.